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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL VANDENBERG
GENERAL COLLINS
ADMIRAL SHERMAN

Attached is copy of a cable which Lt. General P. T. Mow provided to the Secretary of Defense for his information. General Bradley suggested that this be made available for your information.

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CONTENTS OF A CABLE DISPATCHED FROM FORMOSA ON APRIL 5, 1950

I. Russian air bases in China have been extended southward up to (1) Suchow in Kiangsu Province, (2) Shanghai and (3) Nanking.

Suchow is used as the main base.

The activities of the abovementioned bases are being invigorated with a total of approximately 130 airplanes. Besides, the airfields are being extended in (4) Hangchow, (5) Chuchu, (6) Kinhwa and (7) Ningpo in Chekiang Province; and (8) Hankow in Hupeh Province; and (9) Kanchow (Kanhsien) (10) Lungchuan (Chuchwan) and (11) Yushan in Kiangsi Province; and (12) Foochow in Fukien Province; and (13) Soochow in Kiangsu Province.

II. On March 14 and 20, 1950, the enemy planes were sighted in Shanghai by the Chinese Air Force, and escaped without a fight.

III. On April 2, 1950, two P-51's of the Chinese Air Force engaged in a battle over Hangchow Bay with five Russian planes (Type LA9) in a surprise attack.

One of the P-51's piloted by Captain P.C. Wang was crippled, and the pilot bailed out; however, he was rescued and found suffering with a wounded arm.

The other P-51 piloted by Major C. T. Li has disappeared since then, and was probably shot down by the enemy on the scene.

IV. The pilots and ground crews of the Chinese Communist Air Force are all Russian.

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